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**M-275 LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY, CENTENNIAL ORAL HISTORY  
COLLECTION, 1994-1995**

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Primarily videotaped interviews with current and former Louisiana Tech faculty, staff, and students. 28 videocassettes and 1 audio cassette.

<b>BOX</b>	<b>TAPE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	Berry Hinton, 1 hour 50 minutes, March 1994.  Some achievements as Secretary of Alumni Association. Example of discipline during his student days. Description of campus in early years. Personal history after graduating from Tech. Episodes while Hinton lived in boys' dormitory. Philosophy of Tech athletics, including his baseball team. Coaches Jim Mize and Joe Aillet. His foundation of a baseball team at Tech.
<b>002</b>		Virgil Orr, 1 hour 10 minutes, April 1994.  Personal history. Growth of Tech under the Taylor administration. Integration at Tech. Changes in buildings and grounds at Tech.
<b>003</b>		Berry Hinton, 1 hour, April 1994.  His experiences while serving as dorm monitor. Treatment of Tech freshmen. Training of Navy and Marine personnel at Tech during World War II.

General views on Tech and Ruston.

- 004** Elenora Cawthon, 1 hour 15 minutes, April 1994.  
Outline of her career.  
Growth of Tech.  
Philosophy of Tech and Tech's atmosphere.  
Career of her husband, Dr. John A. Cawthon, professor in the Education Department.
- 005** Annis Cawthon, 30 minutes, May 1994.  
Her student days at Tech, 1925-1928.  
Graduate student and math faculty member, 1958-1974.  
Brief profiles of Tech's math faculty, 1920's.
- 006** Prentis G. Grambling, 50 minutes [audio], May 1994.  
His student days at Tech, 1921-1928.  
Biography and family history.  
Career with Ruston and Winnfield city utilities.
- 007** Jack T. Painter, 45 minutes, May 1994.  
Biography.  
Tech during his career as physics faculty, 1955-1994.  
History of the Tech Rome program.  
His philosophy of teaching.
- 008** John D. Winters, 1 hour, June 1994.  
Description of campus, 1948.  
Department of history.  
Memories of faculty, administration, and students.

High standard of faculty in history department.  
Publications, Civil War in Louisiana.  
Awards, DAR, Amoco.  
Professor Emeritus.  
Post World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam conflict; impact on campus.  
1960's and racial integration.  
Louisiana Tech Concert Association performers.  
Tech Rome.  
Travels.  
Reflections on years of service.  
Student opportunities for Tech, i.e. Symphony, pool.

**009**

Hazel Meadows, 1 hour 10 minutes, June 1994.

Student images at Tech in 1920's.  
Sorority, YMCA and club activities.  
Personnel and administrators.  
Work in registrar's office.  
Work in "Old Main" building.  
Day "Old Main" burned.  
Preservation of student records.  
James E. Palmer - only Tech Rhodes Scholar.  
Description of four primary curricula.  
Dr. Reese and family, with whom she lived on campus.  
Impact of Depression Era.  
Description of Ruston and acquaintances in town.  
Description of campus setting.  
Discussion of announcement tea by President and Mrs. Bond given to Mrs. Tilley-Meadows.

**010**

H. L. Henry, 1 hour 15 minutes, June 1994.

Hometown background.

Faculty mentors as student.

Impact of Korean War and veterans.

Accreditation of College of Engineering.

Introduction of computers to Tech.

National engineering reputation.

Images of campus buildings.

Office and classroom sites described.

Stages and levels of his advancement.

Friendships with Drs. Bogard, Thigpen, and students.

Involvement in organizations.

Comments on outstanding students.

Recruitment of black and foreign students.

**011**

Dorothy Moore Lawrence, 1 hour, June 1994.

Hometown and high school.

First day images and impressions of Tech.

Recreation and social events.

Music major; graduation recital, 1943.

Favorite faculty and professors, including Dr. Sachs.

Parent's names and moral values.

World War II campus life and impact on students'  
attitudes; enrollment; deaths in combat; Navy V-12  
unit; WAC unit.

Rules and regulations enforced.

Most memorable events in friendships.

Greatest contribution of Tech - love of learning.

Sorority and fraternity dances.

"Practice Dances" as co-ed entertainment.

Cost of tuition, room and board.

Dec. 8, 1941 assembly following Pearl Harbor attack.

James Clifton "Jimmy" Williams, composer, Tech grad.

**012**

James W. "Jim" Mize, 1 hour 15 minutes, June 1994.

Student life 1934-1938.

First impressions of campus.

Classes at Old Main.

Burning of Old Main.

Memorable coaches, players and faculty.

Social life, dances, etc.

Coaches Aillet and Lambright.

Memorable athletic events, games, etc.

His involvement in military [World War II].

Tech athletic conference memberships.

Outstanding Tech football victories in the 1940's.

Wigwam, Log Cabin, and other Tech buildings, 1930's.

**013**

Eldred F. and Clara DeFreese Lowe, 1 hour 15 minutes, June 1994.

Hometown roots and family.

Educational background.

First images of campus, Old Main and grounds.

Witness of Old Main burning.

Work conditions in print shop.

Print shop equipment, products and personnel.

Leche/Keeny, Hale and Old Harper Halls described.

Memorable Tech staff - Graham, Bond, Burke, Neilson,  
Shirley, Fox, Friedant.

Print career at Tech and Daily Leader in Ruston.

Student jobs; cost of books and supplies.

**014** Virginia Lomax Marbury and William A. Marbury, Jr., 1 hour, June 1994.

Hometown, education and family background.

Current family all Tech graduates.

How Mrs. Marbury's grandfather Rep. G. M. Lomax  
introduced bill to establish Tech, 1894-1895.

Parents and siblings all Tech graduates.

Her music teaching career.

Identify all campus site buildings, 1932-1936.

Stubbs donation of Tech site.

Depression Era conditions at Tech.

Images of Tech campus from 1932 to 1936.

Memberships in campus organizations.

Professional careers after Tech.

Memorable presidents and faculty.

Memorable social events, i.e. dances, sports.

College of Business Administration endowment.

Contributions of Tech to their lives.

Her Tower Medallion Award.

Their honorary Doctorates of Law.

**002 001** Dr. Milton R. Johnson and Mrs. Grace Evelyn Hogan Johnson, 1  
hour 30 minutes, July 1994.

Hometowns and high schools.

First image of Tech campus, etc.

Band and Glee Club; BSU; YMCA/YWCA; engineer organization memberships.

Met at Tech as sophomores.

Reputation of Tech engineering.

Equipment and facility of engineering.

Recruitment of engineering students.

Family all Tech graduates.

Recruitment of women and minorities.

Professor emeritus status - Electrical Engineering.

Dean Bogard, Nethken, David L. Johnson, Folk, Lynn.

Career at General Electric Co. during World War II.

Mrs. Johnson's work at National Youth Association and as homemaker, faculty wife.

Accreditation of engineering school, 1948.

Introduction of computers.

Devotion to engineering education.

Engineering equipment and facility.

First black engineering graduate was in electrical engineering.

**002**

Thesta Walker Hogan, 1 hour 15 minutes, July 1994.

Dates, hometown, parents.

Education at Centenary, LSU, and Univ. of Mississippi.

Organized A.E. Phillips Library.

Appearance of campus in childhood.

Annual "Rally" competitions.

Kathleen Graham, E.J. Scheerer, Sammy Dyson and Marjorie Leigh as leaders/directors of Prescott Memorial Library.



Construction of current Prescott Memorial Library.  
Technical department duties.  
Civil rights/integration impact on Library hiring.  
Impact of post-World War II and G.I. Bill veterans.  
Gambling/Tech cooperative programs.  
Library staff, recruitment, "family" atmosphere.  
Carnegie grants and collection acquisitions.

**003** Ruth M. Read Calhoun, 1 hour 15 minutes, July 1994.

Hometown, parents, education, etc.  
Art department courses, media, faculty.  
Old Harper dorm and annex.  
Art department professors Bethea, Smith, Moffett.  
Sigma Kappa, Tech Choir, Wesley "Sings" and "Practice Dance" social events.  
Rules and regulations in dorms.  
Mary Moffett as mentor in art.  
Post-World War II years, G.I./vets on campus.  
V-12 (USMC and USN) officer training program.  
Faculty Sachs, M. Walker, Pepper, Fletcher sisters.  
Moffett insight into style and discipline.  
War conditions, impact on campus.

**004** Travis E. Melton, 1 hour, July 1994.

Hometown, parents, education.  
Life on campus 1924-1929.  
Appearance of campus, i.e. structures, gravel roads.  
Old Main building.  
President Keeny's rules and discipline.

Courses in Commerce and Liberal Arts.

Members of Class of 1929 - Cawthon, Hinton, Tillery.

Cost of tuition, books, etc.

Glee Club, Accounting Club, and Tech Theatre Club.

Only Tech football "rained out" [1926-1927?].

Professors: Eunice Nelson, Dr. Friedan[?], L.J. Fox, Coach  
"Gob" Wilson, Dr. Vernon Sims, Dr. G.W. Bond  
[president].

Tech pride, integrity, respect, sincerity.

**005**

Carolyn (Mrs. John A.) Porter, 40 minutes, July 1994.

Hometown and parents.

First impressions of Tech.

Deans Bogard and Thigpen.

Accreditation.

Reneau's work in beginning Biomedical Engineering.

Recruitment of women, minority, and foreign students.

Faculty Painter, Holstead, McLaine, Henry, Johnson, Carley.

Involvement since retirement.

Division of departments.

Introduction of computers.

**006**

William M. [Bill] Stokes, Jr., 1 hour, July 1994.

Hometown, churches, education.

First impressions of Tech and Wesley Foundation.

Wesley Foundation.

Student fund raising activities.

Wesley building construction/renovation.

Tech presidents Ropp-Reneau.

S.X. Lewis, Dean.  
Wesley social activities.  
Wesley Council of Students.  
Mid-Winter conferences and retreats.  
Counseled students and parents.  
Wesley as "student-oriented" organization.  
Origin of Tech's Wesley "Benediction."  
Sing Week and Stunt Night events.  
Christmas and religious holiday celebrations.  
Students became ministers and missionaries.  
Wesley Foundation serves all faiths.  
Students "minister" to community and area churches.

**007**

George S. Mead, 30 minutes, September 1994.

Biographical sketch, 1930-1994.  
His career as Tech Property Officer, [1969-1990].  
Recollections of R.O.T.C. at Tech, 1964-1968.  
Physical changes at Tech during his career.  
Ruston's changes since 1964.  
Impressions of Ruston and Tech on first arrival.  
Tech Calliope.  
Vandalism to Lady of the Mist.  
Procedures for moving/repairing state equipment.

**008**

Charlene Kelley Urban, 50 minutes, October 1994.

Family and early childhood.  
Attendance at A.E. Phillips School, class of 1940.  
Her first three years at Tech, 1940-1943.

Faculty Sachs, McGinty, Paul.  
Biography, 1943-1969.  
M.A. from Tech in Counseling.  
Comparison of Ruston of her childhood to today.  
Her upcoming book of poetry.

**009** Virginia Pennington, 45 minutes, October 1994.

Starting nursing program at Tech, 1972.  
Growth of program to 1994.  
Need for physical expansion of the program.  
School of Nursing accreditation process.  
Philosophy of the program.  
Changes in the program.  
Problem of hiring faculty.  
Changes in school pin and uniform design.

**010** Paul Pennington, 25 minutes, October 1994.

His initial experiences at Tech.  
Tech under President R.L. Ropp, 1951-1962.  
Changes made by President F. Jay Taylor - addition of  
Aviation, Nursing, and Architecture.  
Faculty attitudes, Boards of Higher Education.  
President F. Jay Taylor.  
Enrollment of first black student.

**011** Fred H. May, Jr., 25 minutes, October 1994.

Biography, Class of 1952.  
Computing Center, 1961-1994.

- 012** Nick Medica, 30 minutes, October 1994.
- Parents' move from Sicily to Louisiana.
  - His life in Jena, LA, 1913-1930.
  - Anti-Italian discrimination in Jena.
  - His basketball career at Tech, 1930-1934.
  - Tech classes and teachers, including Amos W. Ford.
- 013** Reginald Lee Owens, 50 minutes, October 1994.
- Biography.
  - Student at Tech, 1968-1971?
  - His experiences as first black columnist on Tech Talk.
  - Helping to establish Soul Tech, first black student organization on campus.
  - Helping to establish Alpha Phi Alpha, first black fraternity on campus.
  - Experiences as one of the first black students at Tech.
- 014** Dorothy Clinton, 40 minutes, November 1994.
- Profile of Harry Howard, first Tech graduate.
  - Profile of Gertrude Mayfield Brown, first female graduate.
  - Brief explanation of Gertrude Mayfield Brown interview conducted in the late 1960's by Sam Dyson (then director of Tech's library) and Mrs. Clinton.
  - History of her grandparents, parents, and her early years, along with sketches of Ruston's past.
- 003 001** Margaret Wilson Harmon, 30 minutes, November 1994.
- Louisiana Tech, 1908-1924.
  - Tech dining hall, 1906-1912.
  - Student regulations under President Keeny.

Her student days at Tech, class of 1931.

**002** Hal Barker, 40 minutes, March 1995.

Arrival at Tech as Assistant Professor of Dairy, 1949.

First impressions of Tech.

School of Agriculture, 1920's to date.

Dean Reese's acquisition of new facilities, 1930's.

Holstein herd continuous from 1916.

Dean of Forestry and Agriculture as of 1963.

Creation of College of Life Sciences, early 1970's.

Needs of current agriculture-related higher education.

**003** Walter Wicker, 30 minutes, March 1995.

Establishment of Univ. of Houston-Clear Lake Library, 1973-1986.

First impressions of Prescott Memorial Library.

Efforts to improve library faculty, 1986-1995.

Establishment of LOUIS automated catalog, late 1980's-1995.

Future expansion possibilities of library.